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CHINLE MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT

Raped two women and bit off one woman's finger tip

PHOENIX – Ramaris Paul Anagal, 32, of Chinle, Ariz., was sentenced here today to 25 years in prison by U.S. District Judge Roger G. Strand. Anagal had been found guilty by a federal jury on September 15, 2005 of three counts of Aggravated Sexual Abuse and one count of Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury.

Anagal beat a female companion in the car while traveling from Flagstaff, Ariz. toward Leupp, Ariz. on February 7, 2003. After stopping along the road, Anagal raped the female companion while forcing her to perform sex acts on his then girlfriend who was also traveling with them. Anagal pretended to have a gun during the ordeal. The girlfriend testified that she knew there was no gun but pretended to have one because she was afraid of Anagal. Both victims testified that Anagal told his girlfriend to shoot the friend.

Later, during a stop near Leupp, Ariz., the companion was able to escape. She reported the beating and the sexual assault to police the following day while the defendant and his girlfriend continued on to Birdsprings, Ariz. After spending the night at her family home, they drove to Winslow, Ariz. The next day the defendant became enraged, beating and choking his girlfriend with a seatbelt. After they drove onto the Navajo reservation, the defendant stopped the vehicle and forced her to perform another sex act with him before driving to the girlfriend's aunt's home.

While at the aunt's home, Anagal was again angered and beat the girlfriend, choked her and bit her on the chin, ear and hands. He then forced her to put her finger in his mouth and bit off her fingertip, stating he was leaving her something to remember him by. The girlfriend managed to get away and ran to her aunt's home where police were called. The girlfriend suffered a broken nose as well as needing surgery on her finger.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the FBI and the Navajo Department of Public Safety. The prosecution was handled by Dyanne Greer, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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